Fun and Songs in "Courted Into Court" at the Bijou - The Bills of New Year's Week on Our Legitimate and Variety Stages - Notes Among the Actors. May Irwin, the jolly humorist, came to the Bijou Theatre last night with a new play. It was called "Courted into Court," and it was not of itself as good as "The Widow Jones," the

Nevertheless a jovial entertainment was made of it, and the actress's drollery had its customary effect with the audience. The theme of this farce is a marriage between a freemannered actress and the son of a rich family. There is a touch of serious sentiment in the love affair at first, but not enough to retard the laughter, to provoke which Mr. McNally has again penned badinage, repartes, and colloquial wit.

other piece which John J. McNally had written

The first act is in the actress's apartment, where various callers are made to illustrate the manners and customs of a stage favorite off duty, and where the courtship progresses to a

The second act finds the couple in a state of matrimony, with friends of the wife in high revelry at a supper. Here an attempt is made to represent a Bohemian carousal divertingly, but the gayety in this scene is forced, unreal, and not very pleasant.

The third act is in court during the trial of a divorce suit. Here the play becomes a wild travesty, and the faintest and furthest glimpse of probability is lost sight of in the sole effort to produce mirthful nonsense.

While Mr. McNally has not quite repeated his previous success in either story or characterization, he has by no means failed to make a suitable play for Miss Irwin's needs, and her talent and popularity will do the rest. There is hardly another comedian on our stage with so much of natural unction, of convincingly assumed jocularity, or of imitation spontaneity which passes for genuinely impromptu fun. In these respects she is quite as happy as ever in the new role. In a short speech before the curtain, she took a cue from an auditor's exclamation very alertly, told a bit of a story as though with no premeditation, and seemed to give proof positive that she is as good humored in fact as she is in fiction. She sang some fresh songs, the one which made the most distinct success being the ballaid of "Crappy Dan," a negro who wins with loaded dice and defends his game with a pistol. She acted this ditty with her accustomed skill in negrosketches of character, and the company performed it with her while singing the chorus. These aids to Miss Irwin are about the same party that they were last winter, and parts have been written especially for them.

Mr. Rice is again a presumptuous wooer, and Mr. Sparks an eccentric Irishman. Miss Lewis figures as a German dancer with a pronounced accent and a rather unwomanly, yet naturalistic, tipsy scene.

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All were energetic in the performance, and what they did was accepted by the audience with indiscriminate readiness.

Clearance sales of amusement are being held at a number of Broadway theatres, and the New Year's holiday will afford opportunities to see some of the best successes of the season just before their departure for other cities. Mr. Crane finishes with "A Fool of Fortune" at the Fifth Avenue this week, and will be followed next Monday by the Holland brothers in "A Superfluous Husband." Mr. Tree will re; eat A Bunch of Violets" and "Hamlet" before giving place at the Knickerbocker to Mr. Hare in "A Hobby Horse," Mr. Mansfield announces changes of plays at the Gar-den, and, as a climax of his engagement, a

announces changes of plays at the Garden, and, as a climax of his engagement, a Saturday night selection from five pieces, and after him, "The Gay Parisians." The term of "Brian Boru" at the Broadway is to be followed by "Shamus O'Hrien," that of "My Friend from India" at Hoyt's by Caroline Miskel in "A Contented Husband," that of the Liliputians in "Merry Tramos" at the Star by "Fallen Among Thieres," that of "A Man of Henor" at the American by "Captain Impudence," and that of "Society Shadows" at the Savoy by "Equality."

The plays that have come to town for the week only are attractive enough for a holiday or any other day. "The Sporting Duchess" is at the Harlem Opera House, with a cast including Mr. Stoddart, Mrs. Booth, Miss Tanner, and others of the original company, and the loss of one of the horses by an accident on Monday night wasn't permitted to lessen the big horse show which this turf melodrama carries. "In Gay New York" is being performed at Wallack's by Walter Jones. Lucy Daily, Lee Harrison, David Warfield, and other comedinas identified with that very merry entertainment. "A Texas Steer" is at the Murray Hili, "A Parlor Match" at the Columbus, "Under the Polar Star" at the People's, and "Superba" at the Grand Opera House. These make up a distinctly better average of plays than the "combination" houses usually show.

The continued bills include "The Late Mr. Castello" at the Lyceum, "Secret Service" at the Heraid Square, and "The Cherry Pickers" at the Heraid Square, and "The Cherry Pick the Heraid Square, and "The Cherry Pickers" at the Fourteenth Street. The new pieces are "Under the Red Robe" at the Empire. "An American Beauty" at the Casino, and "Docas" at the Olympia. "His Absent Boy" will be

at the Olympia. "His Absent Boy" will be given in German at the Irving Place to-morrow night.

The chief items of entertainment in the current music hall bills are for Weber & Field's. "The Georer': for Koster & Bial's. Yvette Guilbert, and for the Olympia, Louise Beaudet; for the same resorts the Ituseil brothers, the Dunhams, and La Roche are, respectively, specialists of good standing. In the rosters of the continuous shows there are few unfamiliar performers, but of these there are many that are favorably known. At Keith's Union Square are Helene Mora, Bessie Bonehill, the Finneys, and Amano; at Pastor's, Bernard Dyllyn, Willis P, Sweatnam, the Lorrettis, and the Sidmans; Proctor's Twenty-third street has the Elliaes and the Vassar quartet, and the Pleasure Palace employs the Borellis, Mr, and Mrs. Sidney Drew and the Hanlons. Wonders never cease at Huber's Mussum, and a hypnotist is a current manufacturer of them. There is under contempation, at untoid expense to the management, a plan for attaching to each ticket of admission a coupon entitling the holder to a ten-minute hypnotic nap. At the Edian Musee there are frequent showings of chematographe views, a contrasting form of counterfeit life coming in the numerous wax figures. given in German at the Irving Place to-morrow

A new and wider entrance is to be built for Weber & Field's Music Hall. This theatre, like 13 Wall street, the Fifth Avenue, had at first no frontage on These things adway, but in each case a store was converted into a passage, the handsome façade on a side street being practically abandoned in favor of a much less ornamental portal on the great

The ultra-fashionable audience at the Empire had a time of it, after the first performance of "Under the Red Robe" was over, in compelling Charles Frohman to show himself. The authors were not there to be called out, and so the enthusiasm settled down into a demand for the manager. Six times the curtain was raised with the actors in a row. Then Musician Furst, Scenic Artist Unitt, and Stage Manager Hum-

Scenic Artist Unitt, and Stage Manager Humphreys appeared in succession, but the assemblage, having made up its mind to see Mr. Fromman, would not disherse until he had given a fleeting sight of himself. He is singularly averse to figuring personally in public.

Herbert Heerboum Tree has printed a brothure entitled "Hamlet from an Actor's Frompt Hook," containing succinctly his views regarding various disputed passaxes in the tragedy and his own treatment of certain scenes.

Adelaide Pierce, the young actress who disagreed with Mrs. Mansfield, declares that she will retire from his company at the expiration of the two weeks' notice which she and her mother gave. Fannle Bulkeley Hills's vaulting ambition leads her to undertaxe a lean into grand opera. Herbert Keicey and Effe Shannon are likely to head a company next season.

Sam Weston, a negro minstrel of former popularity, has become totally blind, and his friends are getting up a matince to raise money for him.

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proper religious melodrama, and people not accustomed to go to theatres at all have for months
crowded to see it in that city. Several companies are travelling through Great Britain with
it. It was sent to America, with a good cast and
a duplicate of the original scenery, but it failed
to get support in New York from others than
habitual frequenters of theatres, and not to get support in New York from others than habitual frequenters of theatres, and not enough of them liked it to yield a month of profitable continuance. Our clergymen were invited to witness the performance, but few did so, and only one sermon was preached on the

so, and only one sermon was preached on the subject.

An E. L. Davenport and a Junius Brutus Booth, young namesakes of great actors, are in the company of The Sporting Duohess" at the list fem Opera House. Not only Florence Wallack, but a grandson of the late Lester Wallack, but a grandson of the late Lester Wallack, but a grandson of the late Lester Wallack is going into the cast of "Cymbeling" for a small cite.

Samuel Olberfelder, a member of the defunct

brother of the famous Carl Herrmann. That celebrated wixard, who died a few years ago in Europe, declared under oath that his American namesake was no relative of his and had no such right to succeed to his fame. On the other hand, Mrs. Alexander Hermann asserts positively that her husband was the youngest of lifteen brothers of Carl Herrmann. Anyway, our public knew the younger Herrmann as a most dexetrous and diverting performer.

AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Its First Meeting in New York Bids Fair to Mr a Success.

The first session of the twelfth annual meeting of the American Historical Society was called to order by the President, the Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, yesterday morning in Hamilton Hall, Columbia College, The association, which has 624 members, was incorporated in 1884 as a historical adjunct to the Smithsonian Institution, and the annual meetings have since been held in Washington.

Owing to the fact that the majority of the members live in the New England and Central States, the attendance has usually been small, and this year it was deemed advisable to meet in this city. As a result the attendance yesterday was the largest the society has ever had. The papers read were: "The Melanchton

Quarto-Centenary," by President Marfield of Lafayette College; "The Anti-Rent Episode in the State of New York, 1843-46," by Dr. David Murry of New Brunswick, N. J.: "Know-Nothingism in Massachusetts," by Prof. G. H. Haynes of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute; "Defaced, Not Destroyed," by C. H. Hart of Philadelphia, Mr. Hart said that there was no truth in the statements made by many of the historians that Peale's original whole-length portrait of Washington had been destroyed. It was defaced, he said, but had since been restored and was in fairly good condition.

Juring the afternoon the members attended a reception given by President and Mrs. Low at their residence, 30 East Sixty-fourth street.

The Hail of the New York Academy of Medicine on West Forty-third street was filled last evening when President Storts began his inaugural address. He took as his subject: "The contributions made by his in, uncelebrated men to the development of the United States," and said in part: "There have been many contributions to our history by celebrated men, and it is right that we should honor those who have made such contributions. But honor is also due the men who in less distinguished positions have insured and advanced public progress, It may not be amiss to present a few such names to you this evening. I have chosen three examples, two mere Congregational ministers in New England, the third was a Western ploneer." It. Storrs then gave the history of Elegzar Wheelock, the founder of Dartmouth College, as that of one noted for his activity of mind and zealous philanthropy. After describing Wheelock's visit to England to procure fluids for the Indian school in Hanover, N. H., he enumerated the Indian school in Hanover, N. H., he enumerated the Indian school in Hanover, N. H., he enumerated the Indian school in Hanover, N. H., he enumerated the Indian school in Hanover, N. H., he enumerated the Indian school in Hanover, N. H., he enumerated the Indian school in Hanover, N. H., he enumerated the Indian school in Hanover, N. H., he enumerated as the scoring of note of New England, who was one of the Indian sch the State of New York, 1843-46," by Dr. David Murry of New Brunswick, N. J.; "Know-Noth-

There was finally purchased, mainly through There was finally purchased, mainly through his efforts, 5,000,000 acres, now covered by Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, which was the greatest private contract made in this country up to that time. 'One of the most remarkable features of this purchase,' continued Dr. Storrs, 'was the prohibition of slavery in the Northwest. Slavery then existed in many of the New England States, and how came it that the clause prohibiting glavery passed Congress? The scheme was so vast in itself and the form of government of such exemplary character that Congress became enthusiatic in its behalf. What politicians failed to carry out, this New England minister brought about, and the great Northwest was opened."

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OVERHAULING THE ST. PAUL. An Erroneous Report of the Matter Sent Out from London.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.-President Clement A. Griscom of the International Navigation Company this afternoon made the following statement in reference to the London despatch about the overhauling of the St. Paul:

"The cable from London with reference to the overhauling of the St. Paul is malicious in effect if not in intention. When this steamer was in Newport News after her stranding on number of distressed rivets were discovered on the flat of her bottom, which could not then be made good owing to the ship being too close to the floor of the dry dock for the workmen to re-pair them. This proximity to the floor of the dock was due to the size and the draught of the

dock was due to the size and the draught of the vessel.

"This is now the period of the annual overhaul of all of the ships of the American line, and we are taking advantage of the St. Paul being laid off for annual overhaul to make good those rivets which were distressed by the stranding.
"The surveyors for the underwriters observed the rivets at Newport News, and the repairs are being made under their direction and that of

the public if not contradicted.

"No ship was ever in the predicament that the St. Paul was and extricated with as little damage to her hull, and these rivels in question might possibly be allowed to remain undisturbed, but it is the policy of the commany to be hypercritical in such matters. What the company has done and is now doing has the entire sympathy and approval of underwriters, surveyors, and official surveyors."

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Samuel Olberfeider, a member of the defunct The extreme nervousness which marred Ellen Terry's performances during her visits to this country has become worse of late. She has been unable to appear in Henry Irving's recent productions, and it is said that her eyesight is now seriously affected. Her sufferings from neuralgia have for years been acute.

It is hard to answer a Sun reader's inquiry whether the late Alexander Hermann was a \$5,000 ball for his appearance when wanted. FOLK LORE THEIR HOBBY.

STUDENTS OF MYTH AND LEGEND HOLD A MEETING.

-A Curious Theory as to the Origin of Similar Myths Among Many Peoples -Points About American Folk Lore. Folk lore, chiefly American, was discussed in some of its phases at the eighth annual meeting of the American Folk Lore Society in Hamilton Hall, Columbia College, yesterday. As the pame of the society implies, its specialty is American folk lore-that of the Indians and negroes chiefly-and all but three of the papers read yesterday dealt with the one or the other. One of the exceptions was the paper of W. W. Newell of Cambridge, Mass., who undertook to smash into bits our belief in the beautiful legend of the Holy Grail and aroused much indignation in the attempt. Another was the paper of Dr. D. G. Brinton of Philadelphia entitled "The Psychic Origin of Myth," which also aroused discussion. The third exception was by Prof. Thomas Wilson of Washington, who told the story of the original Bluebeard, a very unpleasant personage who lived four centuries ago in Brittany and killed children instead of wives and is still the buga-

Mr. Newell made trouble at the outset of his paper by saying that the Holy Grail was neither myth nor a tradition and that Lohengrin Parsifal, and Sir Galahad and all the other stainless knights that went in quest of it were purely creatures of literature. The whole legend, he said, grew out of a poem by Crestian de Troyes, a French poet, who lived in the twelfth century. He wrote about the education of a simple-minded young man named Percivale, who, in the course of his adventures, came to the house of the grall, where also was a bleeding spear. It was merely, as Mr. Newell put it, a fashionable novel of the time, known to a few. Like other poems of its time, it was enveloped in mysticism, and the later poets, like Wolfram von Eschenbach, not understanding this mystleism, made out that the grail a secondary incident of the original poem, was the holy chalics that contained the blood of Christ. and in his poem of Parsifal made it the thing about which all else revolved, and, with the the legend grew into the shape we have it in the Arthurian legends.

Mr. Charles F. Wood was the first to oppose this theory. He maintained the legend could be traced back to the apocryphal writers of the second century, and that it was a powerful moral factor in the middle ages. He claimed for it a psychic basis, and compared it with the legend of the fountain of youth in Florida. He attrib-utes it in part to the mystery that surrounded water in the primitive mind, and the cup, he said, could be traced back into Indian my-

water in the primitive mind, and the cup, he said, could be traced back into Indian mythology. Others took a similar view, and Mr. Newell seemed alone in his theory.

Dr. Robert M. Lawrence of Lexington, Mass., read a paper on the "Folk Lore of Common Sait." The first use of sait, he said, was hidden in antiquity. Long before the historical era it was highly esteemed. The first Biblical notice of it is in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, about thirteen centuries before Christ, Job also speaks of it. Among some of the folk lore that has grown up about it is that it is never found in witches' kitchens, because it has been consecrated. This is one source of the almost universal custom of tossing sait over the left shoulder after one has spilled some. Whenever one spills sait it arouses enmity, and if you throw it over your left shoulder you will hit plum in the eye the devil that is birking there, and thus banish all enmity. In Russia there is as uperstition, he said, that you will quarrel with your neighbor if you help him with sait, and to avoid this you must smile very pleasantly. In Marsala, Sicily, it is used to keep evil spirits away from new born babes. On the night of the birth all the relatives of the child sit up. A saint's image and a rosary are placed on the dowr. Behind the door is a bag of sait, a napkin and a broom. If the evil spirit should happen to get by the rosary and image before it could get at the baby it would have to count all the grains in the sait, all the threads in the napkin, and all the straws in the broom. This would have taken place. In Morocco a piece of rock sait hung about the neck is a tailsman against evil.

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It is not this sait I wish to burn.
It is my lover's heart to turn,
That he may neither rest nor happy be
Until he comes and speaks to me.

appear.

Miss Alice C. Fletcher of Washington gave an account of the hair-cutting ceremony among the Omahas, and Dr. Franz Hoas gave a star legend found among the Alaskan Indians and legend found among the Micmacs of legend found among the Alaskan Indians and an almost identical one among the Micmacs of Nova Scotia, while in the central part of the country a legend, evidently the same in origin, differed greatly in different tribes. Stansbury Hacar of Brooklyn told about weather and scasons lore among the Micmas, giving these sayings: "When the stars appear close together a storm is coming." When the partridge feathers grow long there is to be a hard winter, "and "When the fireflies come the birch bark peels well."

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Securities Missing from the National Life
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Well."

Prof. Wilson, in telling about Biuebeard, said that he had collected fifteen or twenty versions of the legend of the forbidden chamber and the enchanted key, one being in the folk lore of the Dakotas. Biuebeard, as we know it, was the work of the public builden.

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This notice was read out over the tickers along
with the stock quotations yesterialy morning:
Storks-Saurday, Dec. 20, ten shares of the sieck of
the Empire Telegraph and Telephone Company of
the Company of the par value of \$100 each, certified
number 63, in the name of Charles's Ryder; a draft
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sovermment bond of \$50, with interest-bearing compons attached, number not known. If presented,
please notify Capl. Stephen O'Brien, chief detective,
13 Wall street.

These things were missed from the cashier's
deak in the office of the National Life Inaurance Company, at 97 Cedar street, on Saturday morning. In the same pocketbook with
them were memoranda belonging to the general
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sections of the Socialist-Labor party and the change building early resterday caused the Anarchist groups of New York to celebrate the floor used by the brokers to be nearly entireending of the year 1896 and the beginning of Ir flooded. the new year. The Socialists will meet at the Labor Lyceum, 64 East Fourth street, and the Anarchists will meet in Clarendon Hall. John Most will be the chief orator in Clarendon Hall.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

An importer who has just retired from business found last week, in settling up his affairs. that he was paving storage fees on thirty big bexes of correspondence, account books, and business papers accumulated during the last twenty-five years, and now of no value to him. These papers were of such a character that if they fell into the hands of an unscrupulous person he might make them the source of much annoyance to the importer's friends. The importer found that he had no suitable place where he might burn them, and he knew of no other safe method of destroying them. In his quandary he applied to a banker for advice, and to his surprise he found that there was a firm in this town that disposed of this kind of rapers, and guaranteed that the Job would be complete. Then the importer turned his thirty boxes of papers over to the firm, and he learned that the banks and big business corporations applied to this firm every year to destroy a lot of paper that was of no more use to them but might be used against them if it fell into the wrong hands. they fell into the hands of an unscrupulous per-

A bright young matron who came to the conclusion last year that flats were not proper places to live in because they were badly ventilated, and who persuaded her husband to take a house in the country as an experiment, came to town yesterday to do some shopping, and incidentally to tell her friends how much more satisfactory it was to live in the suburbs. She satisfactory it was to live in the suburbs. She was very enthusiastic, and a friend remarked; "That is all attractive, Mrs. Biank; but I have reason to know that country houses are no better ventilated than city apartments." "Why, how can you say that?" exclaimed Mrs. Blank, "We had almost no ventilation in the city. Now we have excellent ventilation. Why, last summer a nasturtium grow right up through my parior floor, and this winter I wake John up carly on mornings after a storm so that he may have time to shovel snow off the attic floor before catching his train."

The photograph gallery on the Bowery that has for many years made a specialty of photographing dime museum freaks and supplying to certain manufacturers of cigarettes pictures of shapely young women in tights, is not prospering as it did a year ago beause of the button fad. Two cigarette companies that gave away thousands of small photographs of alleged actreases have substituted for them otto buttons of various designs.

"That doesn't help my business along," said the photographer, "and I don't believe that chrarette smokers like it as well. Some of the photographs that I turned out for these topacco men were really very artistic. Where bacco men were really very artistic. Where did I get my models? Why, the town is filled with girls who think it an honor to be photographed in tights for this purpose, and if they harpen to be third-rate actress they are sometimes willing to pay for the privilege, because it is an advertisement. There is a woman who is singing in comic opera in this town now whose name was made by cigarette pictures. She was known only to a few people baif a dozen years ago, but her figure was graceful, and she cave promise of becoming a clever performer if she should ever get the opportunity. She was photographed in lights, and one of the tobacco comranies got the right to use this photograph for advertising purposes. They reprinted hundreds of thousands of small photographs from it, and on each one was stamped the name of the actress, which was obd-sounding, and likely to be remembered. Within a year the young woman's name and face were known wherever cigarettes were smoked, but not one person in ten thousand could have told you on what stage she had appeared. She profited by the advertising, and now she is getting a big salary. Many of the models that we have photographed were not accresses, but foolish girls who volunteered, and who assumed stage names or the purpose. So great was the demand for these small photographs that a big plant was established us town to turn them out by a rapid process at a rate that would surpise an did photographer, I am doing very dtl I get my models? Why, the town is filled out by a rapid process at a rate that would sur-pise an old photographer. I am doing very little in this line now, and if it were not for my very good customers, the dime museum freaks, I should go out of the business."

importance this year because of the large number of fighting ships stationed at or near New York, is the flect ball that will usher in the New Year. It is to be given in the name of the officers of the U. S. S. Massachusetts, Puritan, Texas, Columbia, Terror, Katabdir, Marblehead, Montgomery, and Essex, and it is to the commandant and officers of the yard and the commanding officer and officers of the U. S. The old saying that you can catch a bird if you can get near enough to put sait on its tail doesn't mean that if you get that near you can get near enough to put sait on its tail doesn't mean that if you get that near you can grab it, and that sawdust would do as well as sait. Sait casts a mage spell on the bird that makes it powerless to fly away. In reference to the spilling of sait Dr. Lawrence quoted Bishop Joseph Hall, who wrote in 1027; "When sait fell toward a superstitious guest at dinner he was won to exhibit signs of mental agitation and refused to be comforted until one of the waiters poured wine in his lap."

In the south of England there is a sait spell to bring recreant lovers. The disconsolate maiden throws a pinch of sait on the fire three successive Friday nights, saying:

It is not this sait I wish to burn.

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It is not this sait I wish to burn. R. S. Vermont. Ever since the fleet assembled

On the third Friday the young man ought to few hills south of 125th street where coasters may take advantage of such a snow fall as the last one. One of the longest and most convenient bills for this sport slopes from about 101st street on West End avenue down to 101st street on West End avenue down to Ninety-fifth street. The descent is gradual, and it is a slide that wou did be loosed upon with contempt by a clanadian. This hill was covered with consters on Sunday evening, and the track for sleds had been posibled until it was like fee. Half a dozen bobs or double runners, each carrying from four to eight passengers, succeeded in getting up a fair rate of steed, but the single sleds didn't glide along rapidly enough to alarm even a very nervous coaster. From the private houses on either side of the avenue were brought out sleds of ancient construction, and fully half the coasters who enjoyed this unusual opportunity were aimly.

In reply to the many complaints that have been made to the express companies this year because of the unusual delays in the delivering of holiday packages, the superintendents say that not for many years have they been so rushed. For some reason people who sent Christmas goods by express waited until a day Christmas goods by express waited until a day or two before the holiday to deliver their packages to the expressmen. The result was a flood of business that discounted provious Christmas experiences. The express companies were not prepared for such a rush. Two days before Christmas every express company that has an office near the Grand Central Station was literally buried under boxes and bundles of all descriptions.

LADY BLOCKS NASSAU STREET.

Eloquence That Arrested the Home-Bound Throng in Front of the Telbune.

By dint of native elequence and a representa tion of her extreme need, Mrs. Mary Keyes obtained a place as scrub woman in the Tribune building two weeks ago. Her tenure of office expired yesterday in a final burst of oratory that for a few moments caused a blockade in front of the building. The janitor told her that he would pay her and that she must go. He says she demanded more pay than she was entitled to, which was refused. There was a ruction, and she landed outside the building. Twenty minutes later she was back again,

voice. She called Day Watchman Fitzpatrick. who requested her to move out, worse things than a rectangular parallelepipedon. than a rectangular parallelopipedon.

"I'll have me full wages, she announced.
"Bon't dare lay a hand to me."

When the watchman approached her she promptly clinched, in her fifty years of life Mrs. keyes has accumulated considerable brawn, and Fitzpatrick discovered that he was involved in no 5 o'clock tear it was real work he had cut out for himself. Two more men came to his aid and heiped him shove the woman down the steps, she, meantine, whooning in atentorian tones that she was being murdered.

"Help! lielp! If there's a man among yez or a women either wid a man's heart in her, will she stand by an' see a lady murdered? Sure, they won't pay me what they're own'r me,"
Eyentually a patrol wayon escorted her in state to the Ook street station.

filling the front hallway with the sound of her

CONSULIDATED EXCHANGE AFIRE Janitar and His Family Descend Through

the Plames is an Elevator. A fire which did about \$2,000 damage in the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Ex-

The fire started in a storeroom on the third floor near the elevator shaft. Janitor Brady Anarchists will meet in Clarendon Hall. John Most will be the chief orator in Clarendon Hall.

Mrs. Burst Pails and Breaks Her Nose.

Mrs. Emma Buest of 264 West 127th street while visiting in Brooklyn yesterday slipped on an icy sidewalk in De Kaib avenue and St. James's place and, falling, broke her nose. She was taken to the Brooklyn Hospital.

VON MOLTKE---BONAPARTE.

NOTEWORTHY WEDDING WASHINGTON SOCIETY,

Miss Louise Engente Bonsparte Becomes the Wife of Count Adam Von Molike-Huttfeldt-The Bride a Great-Grand-daughter of Mme. Patterson-Bonaparte. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- The wedding of Count Adam von Moltke-Huitfeldt of Denmark and Miss Louise Eugenie Bonaparte, daughter of the widow of Col. Jerome Bonaparte, took place this morning in St. Paul's Catholic Church. It was one of the most interesting international marriages in Washington in many years, and much regret was felt that, owing to the recent death of the father of the bridegroom, the plans for an imposing ceremony had to be abandoned. The invitations to the church numbered scarcely a hundred, and the party which sat down at the wedding breakfast at the residence of Mrs. Bonaparte on K street was restricted to members of the family and the wedding party.

The church was decorated with flowers and plants and the national colors of the United States and Denmark were blended in the wall panels. The ushers were Waiter Van Rensselaer Berry, Frank Andrews, Charles McCaw ley, and Robert Wallach, all of this city. The bridegroom was attended at the altar by his brother, Count Leon von Moltke-Huitfeldt. The bride was escorted to the altar and given away by her uncle, Charles Bonaparte of Batti-more. Cardinal Gibbons, an old friend of the Bonaparte family, performed the ceremony, and Father Foley, priest of the parish of St. Paul's, was celebrant of the unptial mass which succeeded the marriage ceremony. During the singing of the mass Count Adam von Moltke-Huitfeldt and bride occupied seats within the sanctuary.

The bride wore white satin, trimmed with old family lace. Her veil was clasped to the hair with a diamond crescent, the gift of ex-Empresa Eugenie, the bride's godmother. At the house of Mrs. Bonaparte the gifts were

At the house of Mrs. Bonaparte the gifts were shown the breakfast party. They represented almost all families in the diplomatic corps and many in official life.

Count von Moltke-Huitfeldt and his bride will proceed to St. Petersburg, which will be their home for the present. The Count held a diplomatic r ace in Paris under his father, but that was vac. ace by the Minister's death, and his future movements are uncertain.

Miss Bonaparte, the bride of to-day, is the great-granddaughter of the famous beauty, "Betsy" Patterson of Haltimore, whose marriage to Jerome Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon Bonaparte, was celebrated in Baltimore on Christmas eve. 1803, the Rev. John Carroll, Bishop of Maryland, officiating. The alliance was not recognized by Napoleon Bonaparte, and Jeroma, yielding to his solicitations and demands, abandoned his American wife, who indignantly rejected Napoleon's offer of a large pension "provided she does not take the name of my family." Her son, Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, was born in the suburbs of London, England. The events that followed are historio-the refusal of the Pope to dissolve the marriage, the decree of the Council of State of France, under Napoleon's dictation, declaring it null; the coronation of Jerome as king of Westphalia and his subsequent marriage to a princess of Wittemberg. The name "Jerome, which Mme, Patterson-Bonaparte, with her son passed her life partly in the United States and partly in Europe. Only once did she ever see Jerome after the first parting. Jerome, with his Queen, Catherine of Würtemberg, was visiting the Pitti Gallery, when he came face to face with his repudiated wife. No sign of recognition was made by either, but Jerome said to Catherine. "That is my American wife.

Mme, Bonaparte's son married a Miss Susan Williams of Rozbury, Mass. He had two sons, Jerome, father of the bride of to-day, and Charles, a resident of Baltimore, who gave his nice in marriage. Mme, Patterson-Bonaparie died in Baltimore in 1879. Her husband, Jerome, died in 1869. After t shown the breakfast party. They represented

Stone-O'Day

Miss Louise O'Day and A. Jackson Stone were married yesterday afternoon at 128 Seventy-second street, the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O'Day. The drawing rooms were decked with roses and paims, and the ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Matthew A. Taylor, rector of the Church of the Hessed Sacrament, Miss Jean-nette V. O'Day and Miss Angelica Stone, sisters of the bride and bridegroom respectively, were the bridesmaids. Daniel O'Day, Jr., was the best man. A collation followed the ceremony.

Levy-Silvester.

were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Silvester, 66 West Seventy-second street. The Rev. Joseph Silverman of the Temple Emanu-El performed the ceremony. There were no pridesizades or ushers. An elaborate bridal breakfast followed the ceremony.

TWENTY-EIGHT BOYS ARRESTED. Had Been Counting Past Mayor Kennell's

House-Twenty-four Escape, The Secaucus road, which runs through North Bergen, affords an excellent hill for coasting. For the past few days the hill has been crowded with consters, the participants coming from miles around. Directly facing the road is the residence of Mayor Kennell. residence of Mayor Kenneil. He objected to the crowd gathering in front of his house and tried to drive the boys and girls away, but they paid little attention to his commands.

Yesterday he gave instructions to the constables of the town to arrest every person caught coasting on the bill. The constables raided the coasters in the afternoon and arrested twenty-eight boys. They started for the Town Hall with their prisoners, but before they reached there twenty-four of the boys made their escape. The other four were locked up and lined \$8 each. cape. The other four were locked up and fined \$8 each.
The fathers of the boys branded the arrests as

an outrage, and said they would appeal to the courts on the ground that the road is public and there is no law against coasting. THE DOSORIS POND CO. WINS.

Outsiders Prohibited from Fishing in Shell Pond at Oyster Bay,

Justice Smith of the Supreme Court in Brook lyn has decided in favor of the Dosoris Pond Company in its suit against Ferdinand J. Campbell and other residents of Oyster Bay, L. L. for an injunction to forbid the detendants fishing in the old Shell Pond at that place.

Palm Hotel Keeper Arrested. Charles Pinkernelly, proprietor of the Palm Raines law hotel at 130 Chrystic street, was held for trial in the Essex Market Court yesterday for violating the liquor tax law in allowing day for violating the liquor tax law in allowing the door leading from the barroom to the dining hail to remain unlocked after 1 A. M. He walved examination. His arrest was brought about by the crusade Dr. Funk is making against certain east side saicons which he says are the resorts of disorderly persons. The Paint was one of the places complained of by Dr. Funk and it was visited by Commissioner Roosevelt on the occasion of his recent tour of the east side Rames law hotels.

Mr. Depew Gives a Dinner Party. Chauncey M. Depew gave a dinner last night at his home, 43 West Fifty-fourth street. His guests were: Perry Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sloans, Miss Mary Trevor, Mr. and Mrs.

Egerton E. Winthrop, Jr.: Miss Paulding, Theodore Frelinghuysen, James J. Van Alen, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Lorillard Ronalds, Jr.: Muller Vry, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexel, Miss Katherine Duer, Miss Cora Randolph, Edmund Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Trenor L. Park, and Richard Peters. Goff Remits Lawyer Evans's Fine.

Recorder Goff remitted, yesterday, the fine of \$50 which he had imposed on Lawyer Amos II. Evans, on Monday, when Evans refused to sit down in the court room after he had been ordered to do so by the Recorder. Evans apologized to the Recorder, saying he meant no disrespect to the Court, and that he had been obliged to stand up at the time in order to hear what a witness was testifying to.

Corundum Crystals on His Farm, PERSEILL, N. Y., Dec. 29,-Robert Mackellar found on his farm near Oscawanna station reported he has found some corundum crystals. He sent some specimens to a Philadelphia geologist, who has pronounced them the finest corundum he has ever seen. Mr. Mackellar has bad a number of the stones cut and mounted as studs.

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DAMAGE VERDICIS SET ASIDE.

A "Theatrical Display" in Court Spolls Barbara Weber got a verdict of \$6,500 against the Third Avenue Railroad Company for the loss of the life of her son Frederick. He was struck in the knee by a car on Oct, 9, 1854, and dled from con-umption in June, 1895. The injury to the knee developed a tubercular condition. The verdict is set aside by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on the ground that the evidence was insufficient to show that consumption was due to the injury to the knee. A vertice of \$8,500 which Martin Corley obtained against the New York and Harlem Railroad Company for injuries is set aside by this court and a new trial ordered, because Corley pretended to greater injuries than he received, and went to the witness stand assisted, and with a leg crumpied up, whereas he was able to walk unassisted. The manner in which he was conducted to the witness stand, the court rays, was got up solely for effect, and "was a fraudulent and fictiness display before the jury of the boy's alleced infirmities, which could hardly have failed to improperly influence the jury." In discenting, Justice Ingraham said that he did not think the so-called "theatrical display" was sufficient to warrant a new trial. Division of the Supreme Court on the ground

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CROW. On Dec. 29, Margaret M., widow of Alex.

Funeral services at her late residence, 49 Marcy av., East Orange, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 4:30 P. M. Take 3:15 P. M. train from Chambers at.

GUNYAN, -At Corona, L. I., Dec. 28, 1896, Scotts Gunyan in the 71st year of his age. Funeral private. LEE, On Dec. 29, Allen Lee, at his residence, 250

Notice of funeral hereafter. PETERS.—On Monday, Dec. 28, at the residence of her son in-law, Richard H. Williams, Josephine Geninel, widow of Samuel Twyford Peters, in her

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